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DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF STATES PARTIES ON BUDGETARY MATTERS 1/

(adopted on 8 March 1996)

1. The Meeting of States Parties approved the budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea covering the initial period from 1 August 1996 to 31 December 1997, amounting to $6,170,900, as set out in annex III to document SPLOS/WP.3; 2/ together with the staffing table for the Registry during the start-up period of the Tribunal as contained in annexes I and II thereto. In adopting the budget the Meeting also approved the administrative arrangements to be carried out by the Secretary-General and by the officer in charge of the Registry pending the election of the Registrar described in paragraphs 27-29 of document SPLOS/WP.3. 3/

2. Without prejudice to the application of the provisions of article 19 of annex VI of the Convention on the Law of the Sea in respect of future budgets regarding the contribution by the International Seabed Authority, the budget of the Tribunal for the initial period will be financed by all States that are Parties to the Convention as at 1 August 1996. States that become Parties to the Convention thereafter and during the period of the budget will contribute pro rata for the remainder of the initial budget period.

3. The contributions to be made by States Parties shall be based upon the scale of assessments for the regular budget of the United Nations applicable at the time of the adoption of the budget of the Tribunal for the corresponding financial year, adjusted to take account of participation in the Convention. This shall be applied provisionally pending the adoption of a scale by the Meeting of States Parties.

4. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will, on the basis of a list of States Parties and States likely to be States Parties by 1 August 1996, determine the assessed contributions and advise all such States, not later than

15 March 1996, of their contribution payable to the initial budget in accordance with the provisional scale of assessments referred to in paragraph 3. The indicative scale of assessed contributions to the budget of the Tribunal as at 8 March 1996 applicable to States Parties and States likely to be Parties by 1 August 1996 appears in the annex to the present document. States Parties will be requested to pay at least 15 per cent of their contribution within 30 days in order to meet the start-up costs, the balance to be paid in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 below.

5. The provisional scale of assessments will be revised on 1 July 1996 on the basis of participation in the Convention as at 1 August 1996. 4/ The Secretary-General will notify States of their revised assessed contributions by 15 July 1996.

6. The notification will specify the details of the assessed contribution of each State Party that is attributed to each calendar year of the biennium 1996-1997. Contributions paid earlier to meet the start-up costs will be credited towards contributions due. The notification will call upon States to pay promptly and in full the assessed contribution for 1996 by 15 August 1996 and for 1997 by 15 January 1997.

7. Adjustments will be made to the scale referred to in paragraph 5 to take into account any increase in the number of States Parties. The contribution paid by a State that is a Party as at 1 August 1996 which is in excess of its assessed contribution as a result of adjustments to the scale will be credited to the assessment of the State Party concerned for the next financial period.

8. All contributions will be paid into a separate bank account, and in a convertible currency, to be designated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and subsequently into a bank account, and in a convertible currency, as may be designated by the Registrar of the Tribunal. States Parties will be periodically notified of the status of contributions.

9. The collection and management of all contributions shall be undertaken by the Registry, except such services that the Secretary-General of the United Nations will provide from within existing resources, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 49/28 of 6 December 1994 and 50/23 of 5 December 1995. The Meeting also approved the utilization of the contingency funds as set out in annex III, item D, of document SPLOS/WP.3, 5/ in the event that the officer in charge of the Registry considers it essential before the President of the Tribunal is elected.

10. The draft financial regulations and staff regulations which will govern the management of the resources of the Tribunal shall be prepared and submitted for the approval of the Meeting of States Parties in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting of States Parties. Until such regulations have been approved the Financial Regulations and the Staff Regulations of the United Nations will apply mutatis mutandis.

11. The Meeting requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 49/28 and 50/23 and the programmed activities of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the

Office of Legal Affairs, to continue assistance in establishing the Tribunal and to cooperate with and lend support to the Tribunal in the fulfilment of its functions.

Adopted by consensus
8 March 1996

Notes

1/ The present document together with its annex is the revision of document SPLOS/CRP.6 dated 7 March 1996 and annex thereto as adopted by the Meeting of States Parties on 8 March 1996.

2/ As revised by the Meeting and issued as document SPLOS/WP.3/Rev.1.

3/ See SPLOS/WP.3/Rev.1, paras. 25-27.

4/ States that are Parties to the Convention as of 1 August 1996 would have deposited their instrument of ratification or acceptance no later than 1 July 1996 (see art. 308, para. 2, of the Convention).

5/ Annex III as revised by the Meeting and issued as SPLOS/WP.3/Rev.1, annex III.

Annex

Indicative scale of assessments and contributions to the budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea a/ b/

Date of UNCLOS ratification/ accession/ succession	State/entity	Scale of assessment for United Nations budget	Indicative scale of assessment for Tribunal	Proposed contribution to budget of $6,170,900
14 October 1994	Germany	8.94	22.84	1 409 434
--	[France] c/	6.32	16.15	996 600
--	[United Kingdom] c/	5.27	13.46	830 603
13 January 1995	Italy	4.79	12.24	755 318
--	[Netherlands] c/	1.58	4.04	249 304
22 December 1988	Brazil	1.62	4.14	255 475
5 October 1994	Australia	1.46	3.73	230 175
	[Sweden] c/	1.22	3.12	192 532
--	[China] c/	0.72	1.84	113 545
14 July 1995	Austria	0.85	2.17	133 909
29 January 1996	Republic of Korea	0.80	2.04	125 886
18 March 1983	Mexico	0.78	1.99	122 801
--	[Finland] c/	0.61	1.56	96 266
--	[Norway] c/	0.55	1.41	87 010
1 December 1995	Argentina	0.48	1.23	75 902
21 July 1995	Greece	0.37	0.95	58 624
29 June 1995	India	0.31	0.79	48 750
--	[New Zealand] c/	0.24	0.61	37 642
2 May 1986	Kuwait	0.20	0.51	31 472
--	[Georgia] c/	0.16	0.41	25 301
14 August 1986	Nigeria	0.16	0.41	25 301
30 July 1985	Iraq	0.14	0.36	22 215
3 February 1986	Indonesia	0.14	0.36	22 215
17 November 1994	Singapore	0.14	0.36	22 215
5 May 1986	Yugoslavia	0.11	0.28	17 279
5 April 1995	Croatia	0.10	0.26	16 044
15 August 1984	Cuba	0.07	0.18	11 108
16 June 1995	Slovenia	0.07	0.18	11 108
26 August 1983	Egypt	0.07	0.18	11 108

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8 May 1984	Philippines	0.06	0.15	9 256
17 August 1989	Oman	0.04	0.10	6 171
25 April 1986	Trinidad and Tobago	0.04	0.10	6 171
10 December 1992	Uruguay	0.04	0.10	6 171
21 June 1985	Iceland	0.03	0.08	4 937
24 April 1985	Tunisia	0.03	0.08	4 937
29 July 1983	Bahamas	0.02	0.05	3 085
30 May 1985	Bahrain	0.02	0.05	3 085
12 January 1994	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.02	0.05	3 085
12 December 1988	Cyprus	0.02	0.05	3 085
5 December 1990	Angola	0.01	0.03	1 851
2 February 1989	Antigua and Barbuda	0.01	0.03	1 851
12 October 1993	Barbados	0.01	0.03	1 851
13 August 1983	Belize	0.01	0.03	1 851
28 April 1995	Bolivia	0.01	0.03	1 851
2 May 1990	Botswana	0.01	0.03	1 851
19 November 1985	Cameroon	0.01	0.03	1 851
10 August 1987	Cape Verde	0.01	0.03	1 851
21 June 1994	Comoros	0.01	0.03	1 851
15 February 1995	Cook Islands d/	0.01	0.03	1 851
21 September 1992	Costa Rica	0.01	0.03	1 851
26 March 1984	Côte d'Ivoire	0.01	0.03	1 851
8 October 1991	Djibouti	0.01	0.03	1 851
24 October 1991	Dominica	0.01	0.03	1 851
10 December 1982	Fiji	0.01	0.03	1 851
22 May 1984	Gambia	0.01	0.03	1 851
7 June 1983	Ghana	0.01	0.03	1 851
25 April 1991	Grenada	0.01	0.03	1 851
6 September 1985	Guinea	0.01	0.03	1 851
25 August 1986	Guinea-Bissau	0.01	0.03	1 851
16 November 1993	Guyana	0.01	0.03	1 851

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5 October 1993	Honduras	0.01	0.03	1 851
21 March 1983	Jamaica	0.01	0.03	1 851
27 November 1995	Jordan	0.01	0.03	1 851
2 March 1989	Kenya	0.01	0.03	1 851
5 January 1995	Lebanon	0.01	0.03	1 851
16 July 1985	Mali	0.01	0.03	1 851
20 May 1993	Malta	0.01	0.03	1 851
9 August 1991	Marshall Islands	0.01	0.03	1 851
4 November 1994	Mauritius	0.01	0.03	1 851
29 April 1991	Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.01	0.03	1 851
18 April 1983	Namibia	0.01	0.03	1 851
23 January 1996	Nauru d/	0.01	0.03	1 851
26 September 1986	Paraguay	0.01	0.03	1 851
1 October 1993	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.01	0.03	1 851
27 March 1985	Saint Lucia	0.01	0.03	1 851
7 January 1993	Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.01	0.03	1 851
14 August 1995	Samoa	0.01	0.03	1 851
3 November 1987	Sao Tome and Principe	0.01	0.03	1 851
25 October 1984	Senegal	0.01	0.03	1 851
16 September 1991	Seychelles	0.01	0.03	1 851
12 December 1994	Sierra Leone	0.01	0.03	1 851
24 July 1989	Somalia	0.01	0.03	1 851
19 July 1994	Sri Lanka	0.01	0.03	1 851
23 January 1985	Sudan	0.01	0.03	1 851
19 August 1994	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.01	0.03	1 851
16 April 1985	Togo	0.01	0.03	1 851
2 August 1995	Tonga	0.01 d/	0.03	1 851
9 November 1990	Uganda	0.01	0.03	1 851
30 September 1985	United Republic of Tanzania	0.01	0.03	1 851

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25 July 1994	Viet Nam	0.01	0.03	1 851
21 July 1987	Yemen	0.01	0.03	1 851
17 February 1989	Zaire	0.01	0.03	1 851
7 March 1983	Zambia	0.01	0.03	1 851
24 February 1993	Zimbabwe	0.01	0.03	1 851
TOTAL OF 85 STATES PARTIES PLUS 9 PROSPECTIVE STATES PARTIES		39.14 e/	100.26 e/	6 186 930 e/

85 States Parties and 9 prospective States Parties as at 8 March 1996.

Notes

a/ Percentages representing indicative scale of assessments to the Tribunal's budget assuming that the States/entities would account for 100 per cent of the Tribunal's budget.

b/ The United Nations scale of assessment was derived from document ST/ADM/SER.B/479, annex II.

c/ Anticipates that it will be a Party by 1 August 1996.

d/ For the purposes of this analysis, non-members of the United Nations were given a "scale of assessment for United Nations budget" of 0.01 per cent.

e/ The figures for the totals in this row are at minor variance, as a result of rounding.